



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2019 Biennium

Bill #	SB0064	Title:	Generally revise laws related to the board of pardons and parole
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Primary Sponsor:	Wolken, Cynthia	Status:	As Introduced
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$29,878	\$59,755	\$60,651	\$61,561
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$29,878)</u>	<u>(\$59,755)</u>	<u>(\$60,651)</u>	<u>(\$61,561)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 64 establishes a full-time, paid, three-member parole board to increase opportunities for training and skill development that will enable the board to make more consistently informed and efficient parole decisions.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. This bill requires the Board of Pardons and Parole to be a professional board to include one board chair and two board members. The salary and benefits for the chair of the board are estimated to be \$123,544 annually. Salary and benefits for the other two board members are estimated to be \$113,540 per person.
2. The bill does not take effect until January 1, 2018. Therefore, personnel costs are reduced by half in the first fiscal year.
3. The addition of a professional board would allow for a reduction of four full-time analysts. The estimated salary and benefits per analyst is \$63,681 or \$254,724 annually. There may be some payout costs if employees were laid off rather than eliminated due to attrition. Those costs are not included in this fiscal note.
4. The addition of a professional board would allow for a reduction of per diem costs for the former volunteer board in the amount of \$36,145 annually.
5. The amendment to add Section 36 to the Montana Constitution, known as Marsy's Law, substantially expands the definition of a victim and requires that victims be notified of and have the option to be present at all proceedings that involve preparing an offender for actual or potential release or alternative placement. The

Department of Corrections therefore anticipates that the implementation of Marsy's Law will increase the cost of any bill that could involve victim notification.

6. A 1.5% per year inflation factor has been added for FY 2020 and FY 2021.

	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$29,877	\$59,755	\$60,651	\$61,561
Operating Expenses				
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$29,877</u>	<u>\$59,755</u>	<u>\$60,651</u>	<u>\$61,561</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$29,877	\$59,755	\$60,651	\$61,561
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$29,877</u>	<u>\$59,755</u>	<u>\$60,651</u>	<u>\$61,561</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$29,877)	(\$59,755)	(\$60,651)	(\$61,561)

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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